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BELUM CAVES IN A. P.
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASI has any proposal under their consideration to develop "Belum Caves" in Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh as a major historical monument owing to its huge tourist potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ASI has undertaken any project to excavate new caves around the existing "Belum Caves" in A.P.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) The Belum Caves are under the protection of Government of Andhra Pradesh. The monument has already been developed by the Department of Tourism, Government of Andhra Pradesh as a major historical monument and is frequently visited by tourists.

(c) & (d) The ASI has not undertaken any project for excavating new caves around the Belum Caves in Andhra Pradesh at present.